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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE PRIMARY EXAMINER**

Docket 534128-002-C1

**Anticipated Classification of
this Application:**

Class 623 Subclass 034

Prior Application:
Examiner M. Milano
Group Art Unit 3308

U.S. Express Mail Airbill

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.60 of pending prior application Serial No. 08/516,557 filed August 18, 1995 of Tracy C. Slemker for VALVE ASSEMBLY FOR A PROSTHETIC LIMB.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed and a declaration verifying it as a true copy.
2. A verified statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 was previously filed entitling the applicant(s) to pay the Patent Office fees at a reduced fee schedule.
3. The filing fee is calculated below:

4. Attached is a check in the amount of \$477.00 as calculated above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-0809.

5. Cancel in this application original claims 1-19 as amended of the prior application and insert new claims 20-36 before calculating the filing fee.

6. Amend the specification by inserting the following sentence before the first paragraph.

-- This is a continuation of application Serial No.
08/516,557, filed August 18, 1995. --

7. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Mark P. Levy, Reg. No. 27,922; Theodore D. Lienesch, Reg. No. 28,235; Bradley A. Keller, Reg. No. 37,654; J. Daniel Lykins, Reg. No. 27,354; Laura M. Peebles, Reg. No. 38,008; and David A. Mancino, Reg. No. 39,289. The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.

8. Address all future communications to Mark P. Levy, Esq., Thompson Hine & Flory LLP, 2000 Courthouse Plaza N.E., P.O. Box 8801, Dayton, Ohio 45401-8801, (937) 443-6949.

9. Priority of application Serial No. 08/516,557 filed August 18, 1995, in the United States, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

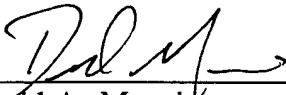
10. New claims 20-36 added by the preliminary amendment filed herewith have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the next highest number following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.

11. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 08/516,557, filed August 18, 1995, as originally filed.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful

false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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